

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner has restricted examination of claims 1-22 in this application. Specifically, the Examiner restricted claims 1-13 to Group I as being drawn to a method of manufacturing an electric motor, claims 14-18 to Group II as being drawn to a method of separating stator winding leads of an electric motor, and claims 19-22 to Group III as being drawn to an alternative method of manufacturing an electric motor.

Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's reasons for restriction, Applicant elects to prosecute claims 1-13 of Group I. Therefore, Applicant has canceled claims 14-22 without prejudice for possible inclusion in a divisional application. This election is made without traverse.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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